



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH & WELFARE



Do you have a passion to improve the lives of families, in your community? Be involved in the effort to support foster families and children. Be the one that makes a difference in the life of a child!

AmeriCorps/DHW--FACS One Church, One Child of Idaho Program seeking VISTA member for Boise, Idaho.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has embarked on a collaborative effort with faith communities in Idaho to recruit and support families to meet the needs of children who cannot live with their families of origin, either temporarily or permanently. Operating under the banner of One Church One Child (OCOC), the Department is seeking to develop more collaborative community partnerships, identify additional resources, and aid the work of foster care recruitment and support across the state. VISTA duties will include ongoing communication and relationship building with diverse community members, child welfare social workers, resource parents and children to improve the future for thousands of children with the focus on improving educational outcomes, increasing economic opportunity and promoting healthy futures.

Other duties will include relationship building with faith communities, increasing public awareness efforts and community capacity building to further strengthen OCOC groups as well as provide technical assistance to OCOC leadership within the community and the Department. The OCOC initiative has two primary areas of focus: (1) recruit, identify, and train families who have the ability, willingness, and resources to parent children who need families; and (2) help to rally the faith community to support those that have choose to foster and/or adopt and support birth families working to reunify with their children. Through organized and coordinated community efforts, we expect to be able to provide safe, nurturing homes to children and support them with appropriately prepared adults working together in their best interest.

To apply you must be high school graduate, at least eighteen years of age and possess the following skills: writing/editing, basic computer skills, community organization, youth development, strong communication skills, public speaking, leadership and recruitment. This position is full time and maintained through the Corporation for National & Community Service AmeriCorps. Please contact Sabrina Brown at 334-5648 or Scott Burlingame at 332-7385. Deadline is July 1, 2014.